



## Community Health Outreach Work

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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 10:00 am

**Re: STRONG SUPPORT FOR NO. 70**

Aloha Chair Menor and members of the City Council,

The Community Health Outreach Work (CHOW) Project strongly supports Bill 70, which would prohibit smoking and vaping in a motor vehicle when a minor is present on O'ahu.

Protecting the health and well-being of our island's keiki is of immeasurable importance to the CHOW Project, and the passage of Bill 70 would make great strides in shielding young bodies from the dangers of secondhand smoke and could prevent the plethora of health problems that befall those who suffer from inhaling it. Secondhand smoke in a car can be up to ten times more toxic than what the EPA considers unhealthy air quality, even when a window is down. Inhaling secondhand smoke is especially harmful because children's lungs are still developing.

Passing smoke-free cars into law will help decrease our children's exposure to secondhand smoke, thereby reducing their risk of developing painful and costly respiratory infections. Furthermore, Bill 70 would educate adults about the dangers of smoking in a car when a minor is present, and increase their awareness of the ways in which they endanger others when they smoke in a minor's presence.

I respectfully ask that you pass Bill 70 to help make Honolulu the third county in our state to eliminate smoking in cars when a minor is present.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Umeno  
Administrative Assistant  
CHOW Project

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